

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JUNE, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 31st March, 1962 -

Males - 382,233 Females - 367,813 Persons - 750,046

Metropolitan: at 31.12.1961

Persons - 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars.	MAY				Five Months ended MAY			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	585	9.17	395	6.33	2,454	7.92	2,426	8.00
Births	1,645	25.77	1,622	25.99	7,231	23.34	7,357	24.25
Deaths	505	7.91	530	8.49	2,362	7.62	2,299	7.58
Infant Mortality(b)	34	20.67	35	21.58	165	22.82	138	18.76

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,754	4,346	44,765	50,625	15,057	11,813	137,952	146,456
Interstate	11,314	9,284	104,994	105,564	4,324	3,576	38,814	39,599
Total:	16,068	13,630	149,759	156,189	19,381	15,389	176,766	186,055

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	94,061	18,028	382,039	321,371
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	2,483	1,141,475	9,689,158	4,858,804

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Revenue	£ 7,400,664	8,928,238	74,925,785	69,332,710
Revenue per Head of Population	£ 9.8	12.1	100.4	95.0
Expenditure	£ 7,151,661	6,761,178	75,889,798	70,537,286
Expenditure per Head of Population	£ 9.5	9.2	101.7	96.7

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of JUNE		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total Balances	90,527,488	80,711,848	78,622,269
Per Head of Population	120.1	109.6	108.9

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	21.4	22.0	22.3	19.4	22.3	21.7	21.7	21.7	22.7	23.8	24.0	25.5
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	-	-	-	-	-	-

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No. 2,140	1,684	22,212	22,131
	£. 4,343,534	2,964,102	44,313,494	41,366,128
Mortgages	No. 1,590	1,204	17,410	15,150
	£. 3,659,759	2,713,083	39,535,624	35,043,825
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,262	991	13,653	12,368

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	14,858	14,452	154,578	154,826
Net Taxable Sales	5,480	4,983	62,308	58,772
Tax Collected	738	667	8,823	9,420

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	67	61	419	405
Nominal Capital	£.	5,018,000	4,362,000	32,030,700	27,973,500
Foreign	No.	19	11	202	157

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Twelve Months ended JUNE					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	141	289,694	88,217	127	256,132	81,792
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	97	573,588	404,106	79	293,480	246,589

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways including Railway Road Service

Item	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£. 1,719,700	1,621,100	16,282,200	15,046,100
Operating Expenses	£. 1,420,304	1,403,049	14,374,894	14,182,427
Train Miles Run	No. 730,223	720,689	7,369,108	7,138,665
Motor Bus Miles	No. (a) 115,283	(b) 120,282	(c) 1,227,896	(d) 1,234,144
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No. 1,153,776	1,216,053	11,004,845	11,668,196
Motor Bus	No. 26,710	24,508	240,710	247,222
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	535,182	513,544	4,770,014	4,269,317
Free (Departmental)	71,735	60,277	566,925	486,370
Livestock	9,009	10,123	117,186	130,255
Total:	615,926	583,944	5,454,125	4,885,942
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	85,616,449	73,059,599	742,783,427	661,140,450
Free (Departmental)	5,143,150	5,483,274	56,203,736	48,747,446
Livestock	1,199,144	1,028,363	15,968,994	17,303,178
Total:	91,958,743	79,571,236	814,956,157	727,191,074

(a) Four weeks ended 21st April. (c) Period 1st July to 21st April.
(b) Four weeks ended 22nd April. (d) Period 1st July to 22nd April.

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz. 68,967	66,033	334,989	349,020
Value (Aust. Currency)	£. 1,077,615	1,031,759	5,234,205	5,453,428
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£. 382,382	456,250	609,726	775,394

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164
April	96,419	27,495	582	8,440	147,078	71,880	1,272	11,954
May	97,079	27,502	585	8,369	149,071	72,848	1,284	12,041

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961:										
June	423	212	635	1,868	288	1,133	1,421	1,854	1,754	3,608
July	362	143	505	1,594	815	540	1,355	2,262	952	3,214
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings (a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962 - March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962 - March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961 (cont.):</u>			
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.2	49.9	192.1
July	142.1	49.4	191.5	July	142.0	49.9	191.9
August	142.9	49.8	192.7	August	142.9	49.9	192.8
September	143.4	50.2	193.6	September	143.6	50.1	193.7
October	143.3	50.4	193.7	October	143.0	50.4	193.4
November	143.9	50.7	194.6	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.7	194.2
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962:</u>			
January	142.8	50.0	192.8	January	144.3	50.5	194.8
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	247
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	245
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	247
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
30/10/61	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3
	11.	2.	11	14.	11.	6	10.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
May, 1962	25,484	2,151	117,665	46,146	22,709
1961	19,553	1,157	114,115	46,064	18,521
11 Months ended May, 1962	192,399	17,041	1,389,087	967,532	238,301
1961	169,101	15,284	1,589,165	899,983	177,509

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
May, 1962	5,414	79	2,213	594	1,124
1961	4,311	53	2,223	645	993
11 Months ended May, 1962	40,531	764	26,807	13,842	12,099
1961	35,998	707	30,651	12,880	9,634

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
5 Months ended May, 1961	1,576	2,310	987	1,456	2,563	3,766	36	77	1,274	1,955
1962	1,781	2,579	1,016	1,490	2,797	4,069	37	91	1,302	2,019
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	362	501	167	261	529	762	8	20	223	387
May	394	598	219	309	613	907	9	17	278	412

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961							1962					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4
Oranges - Navel	bush.	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2
- Val.	bush.	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11	11	1. 2
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5
- Other	bush.	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-	-	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11
Cauliflowers	dozen	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1
Lettuce	crate	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9
Table Celery	doz. head	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3
Carrots	cwt.	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7
Swedes	cwt.	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0
Runner Beans	lb.	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9	1. 0	1. 2
Peas	lb.	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	9	7	5	5	4	4
Pumpkin	bag	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0(d)	55. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

(d) As from 28th May, 1962 the ruling price was £55.0.0 per ton.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961							1962					
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
SHEEP	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Suckers	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-	4.16. 5
Lambs													
In Wool	3.14. 2	3. 0. 1	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8
Shorn	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3.	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-
Ewes													
In Wool	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 8
Shorn	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 5	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10
Wethers													
In Wool	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0
Shorn	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3
Heifers	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0
Cows	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5
Steers	50. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0.10
Bullocks	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	63. 9. 3
PIGS													
Slips	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	-	-
Porkers	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6
Baconers	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3
" Cocks	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3
Ducks	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11
Drakes	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0
Geese	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 2	-	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-	2. 0	1.10
Cockerels	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9
Capons	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0
Hens	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1960 - April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July							Not yet available						(f) 26,782
August							do.						(f) 26,772
September							do.						(f) 26,877
October							do.						(f) 27,448
November							do.						(f) 28,195
December							do.						(f) 28,627
1962 - January							do.						(f) 28,474
February							do.						(f) 27,245

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
1962	8.4	3.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	1.1	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	49.2	19.2
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	511	509	4,502	4,898
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	10,211	9,542	91,341	97,604
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	153	126	1,304	1,359
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	2,900	2,955	24,548	31,852
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	3,186	3,171	26,261	26,504
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	39,761	24,898	365,648	338,895
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	544	340	3,555	3,773
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	17,867	18,205	177,605	174,357
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	795	1,475	8,146	12,038
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,349	1,368	9,425	12,102
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,204	4,493	50,760	51,176
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	956	1,414	15,072	15,914
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	8,259	6,440	93,012	78,145
- Work	"	16,615	10,418	130,993	137,038
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	56,155	41,199	582,293	546,303
Slippers	"	10,407	10,065	109,674	122,100
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	310	195	5,337	4,951
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	11,664	7,151	289,777	242,988
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	691	625	7,141	6,509
Butter	"	778	1,191	15,564	15,497
Cheese	"	78	238	2,836	2,752
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	12,419	12,516	139,905	155,806
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	30	44	283	348
Sulphuric	"	23,770	20,979	216,050	216,058
Coal	"	92,680	70,089	846,906	677,028
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	98,220	88,014	1,018,379	941,806
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	120	128	1,279	1,319
Mattresses - Soft Filled(c)	number	3,367	2,296	28,606	30,051
Pig Iron	ton	3,970	4,436	45,719	47,967
Superphosphate	"	68,063	60,428	594,681	596,255
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,797	2,215	29,637	27,192

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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